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Assault with a Deadly Weapon Suspect Arrested following standoff

Riverside, CA -- On Monday, April 4, 2011, at approximately 7:57 PM, the Riverside Police Department's Communication Center received a call of a stabbing victim in the 3900 Block of Castleman Street. The suspect was described as a white female, thin build, wearing a pink night gown and armed with a butcher knife. Officers arrived quickly and located the victim. The victim said that he was in the condominium complex when the suspect came out of her condo and ran at him with a butcher knife and attempted to stab him. He was able to avoid the unprovoked attack but she persisted in trying to stab him. Eventually the victim was able to get away and the suspect retreated to her condo.

She came out of the condo and was "stabbing at the air" with the knife. When she realized officers were arriving, she barricaded herself inside. Officers surrounded the condo, evacuated the neighbors and for the next 2 and 1/2 hours tried to call her out of the condo using the public address system on the police unit. Although she would acknowledge the officers presence, she would not communicate with them.

After no success in talking her out, the Riverside Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics unit was requested and responded to the scene. Negotiators tirelessly used the public address system on the SWAT armored vehicle to try to convince the suspect to surrender.

At approximately midnight, a search warrant for the condo and an arrest warrant for the suspect were obtained. SWAT officers forced open the front door and found the female suspect trying to hide behind the headboard of her bed. She was taken into custody without further resistance. "This operation was very professional and went by the numbers" said Lt. Chuck Griffiths, the Watch Commander during the event. He added, "The training, preparation and teamwork by all involved was obvious and quickly resolved a highly volatile situation." The suspect is identified as Sylvia Manor, 52 years old of Riverside. She was transported to the police station for a follow up interview and then booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

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